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HAVING COMPACT ARRANGEMENT OF LOAD-LOCK AND PROCESSING
CHAMBERS

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 3, 2003, Applicants elect Species 1, Figs. 3, 6,
7. Claims 1, 2, 3, and 5 read on the elected Species 1. Claim 1 is generic.

The election is with traverse. Although patentably distinct, the species of Fig. 3-14 are
sufficiently similar in nature that no undue burden is placed on the Examiner in the examination of
all species, and in particular, it is believed that a single search of the prior art is all that is
reasonably necessary in this application.

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